



## Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact [support@jstor.org](mailto:support@jstor.org).

suitable and pleasing natural surroundings, to have a climate which seemed ideal for this case, for so often the nurse has her work to do in surroundings in which, if the patient recovers, he does so in spite of them. But

“Just to be out of doors. So still, so green  
With unbreathed air illimitable, clean,  
With soft, sweet scent of happy growing things,”

will do so much for tired nerves, and bring new thoughts of sweet natural living.

---

## THE STATE ASSOCIATION'S OBLIGATION IN RAISING TRAINING-SCHOOL STANDARDS \*

By THERESA ERICKSEN, R.N.

Graduate of Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis.

OUR associations have been working hard to influence the training schools to come up to the requirements asked for, and more and more hospital directors are learning to realize the necessity of a higher and more uniform education among their students. They are beginning to see that in order to have a good school they must select a good superintendent for the nurses. If she is a faithful member of our nursing associations she will be anxious that her pupils shall be a credit to her school when they graduate. How can she produce good nurses if she has poor material? She realizes the wrong in turning out inferior nurses that sooner or later become a burden and a discredit to our profession.

What are we to do? We must not only look to our tired and overworked superintendents, but we must come into understanding and harmony with the hospital directors so that they too may see with our eyes. The selection of nurse students should be left to the careful and judicious choice of the superintendent, she should have the power to do what she thinks best. If she is capable to be superintendent she must have full authority over her students.

Students should preferably come from homes where religion, sympathy, and moral discipline have been the ruling spirit. The two or three years spent in a training school should not only teach our girls the scientific way of caring for the sick, but it should also fit them for a higher ideal, they should be able to carry out the Master's words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye

---

\* Condensed from the paper read by Miss Ericksen at the annual meeting of the California State Association.

have done it unto Me." Then we shall have the true nurse, worthy of her calling.

The associations should, in the best way possible, be in touch with the schools of the state. The senior classes should learn of the work done in the nursing world through the pages of our nursing journals. These magazines should, in fact, form part of their reading and study during their senior year.

The members of our associations should make the younger nurses feel at home among them, so that they may in turn be able to guide them during the first hard year or two after they leave their schools and are learning to depend on themselves, that they may not fall victims to graft, jealousy, or mechanical nursing.

We should be interested in seeing that pupil nurses are housed and fed properly, that they are allowed regular hours for study and rest. Hospital directors are all the time worried over finances, and where do they save? Where they least ought to, in feeding and housing their nursing staff, not caring whether the young girls who are giving two or three years of the best part of their lives so cheerfully are having sunny rooms to sleep in or any other little home comfort which should belong to them in return for their work. Unless we give our students consideration we cannot expect them to turn out to be good nurses.

Every nurse should be able to look back on her training-school days as I do on mine, as if the school were a happy family. We were respected while in training and had a considerate board to see to our welfare. In turn we have always loved our school and have been anxious that no slur should be cast on it through our fault.

Patients, also, suffer from a spirit of graft in a hospital. If an institution is short of help, there is hardly time for any one to make the patients feel welcome and give them a word of courage. The hospital atmosphere must be sunny and cheerful, no graft, no politics, respect for all religions. Each nurse should be made to feel that she is responsible for the happiness and welfare of every patient entering the hospital.

---

UNCINARIASIS IN TEXAS AND GEORGIA.—The *Medical Record* says: The State health officer of Texas has issued a notice to the county and municipal authorities over the state calling attention to the prevalence of the hookworm and urging energetic action to stamp it out. A systematic examination of the students of the University of Georgia has demonstrated that over 30 per cent. of them are suffering from uncinariasis. Many are from the wealthy families of the state. It is said that the class standing of the infected students is below the average of the college.